the two ships were at once invaded by a crowd, notwithstanding repeated and pressing warnings of the danger of not observing the laws of quarantine.

9th. The quarantine officers gave us a clean bill, and at noon we went ashore, the forty-seventh day since our departure from Alexandria.

On the same day General Bonaparte started for Paris; on his way he was received with demonstrations of joy that showed the political effect of his unexpected return.

10th, Aix:

Citoyens Directeurs: Since leaving France I have received only one dispatch from you; it found me in front of Acre, and from that moment I judged that I could not remain absent from France much longer. I obtained copies of the English gazettes to the 6th of June, and from them learned of the defeats of Jourdan in Germany and of Scherer in Italy. I started immediately, that very hour, with the frigates *La Muiron* and *La Carrere,* although both slow sailers. I did not stop to reckon the risk; my duty was to proceed wherever I might be most useful. That being my view, I would have wrapped myself in my cloak and started in an open boat, if I had had no frigates. I have made my way through the English cruisers. I have landed at Frejus safely. I shall be in Paris nearly as soon as my letter.